

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on February 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 163, 2/10/2017
SB 192, 2/8/2017
SB 199, 2/8/2017
SB 205, 2/8/2017

Executive Action: HB 24 - BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED
SB 160 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 192 - DO PASS
SB 205 - DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 192

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Sen. Nels Swandal (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 192, Generally revise civil procedure laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:54 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:29 Sen. Moore
00:03:48 Sen. Swandal

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:03 Sen. Swandal

HEARING ON HB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:30 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 163, Provide for a Montana caregiver act.

EXHIBIT(phs33a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:34 Dr. Patricia Coon, geriatrician, Billings Clinic, caregiver, also representing herself
00:09:21 Claudia Clifford, advocacy director, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(phs33a02)

00:12:12 Janet Smith, long distance caregiver, member, Montana Alzheimer's and Dementia Work Group
00:12:57 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance of Mental Illness Montana
00:14:39 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
00:17:33 Keri Yoder, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
00:19:00 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association
00:19:24 Stuart Doggett, AARP Montana, also representing Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association; Jessie Luther, Benefis Hospital in Great Falls; and Mike Foster, St. Vincent's Hospital of Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:11 Sen. Moore
00:21:56 Mr. Smith, MTLA
00:22:31 Sen. Gross
00:23:53 Rep. Custer
00:24:10 Sen. Gross
00:24:19 Chair Howard
00:25:29 Rep. Custer

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:05 Rep. Custer

HEARING ON SB 205

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:42 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 205, Plan for improved delivery of care for acute heart attacks.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:42 Dr. Douglas Waldo, interventional cardiologist, Benefis Heart and Vascular Medical Center in Great Falls and chairman, Mission: Lifeline Montana
00:35:01 Joani Hope, director, Mission: Lifeline Montana (MLM)

[EXHIBIT\(phs33a03\)](#)

00:40:25 Amanda Cahill, American Heart Association (AHA), American Stroke Association
00:43:34 Dr. Bill Gallea, emergency physician; president, Montana Medical Association; past leader, State Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians
00:46:16 Clint Loss, president, Montana EMS Association
00:46:51 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:47:56 Todd Harwell, administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:27 Sen. Howard
00:48:38 Sen. Olszewski
00:50:19 Sen. Small
00:52:38 Ms. Cahill, AHA
00:53:00 Ms. Hope, MLM

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:25 Sen. Olszewski

HEARING ON SB 199

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:32 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 199, Require coverage of habilitative services under the Healthy Montana Kids Plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:50 Dr. Bill Gallea, president, Montana Medical Association

00:57:42 Jackie Mohler, program manager, Family Outreach

00:58:21 Traci Sell, owner, Pediatric Therapy Clinic

00:59:46 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

EXHIBIT(phs33a04)

01:01:30 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:01:56 Duane Preshinger, administrator, Health Resources Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services; Healthy Montana Kids Program

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:22 Sen. Caferro

Committee Business:

01:04:32 Chair Howard

01:04:58 Brief Recess

01:22:31 Reconvened

Sen. Moore absent from the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 24

01:22:53 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 24 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:23:45 Chair Howard

01:23:47 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 24 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(phs33a05\)](#)

Discussion:

01:24:22 Alexis Sandru, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:25:33 Sen. Caferro
01:25:51 Ms. Sandru, LSD
01:26:12 Sen. Gross
01:27:15 Ms. Sandru

01:28:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

01:29:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 24 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Sands voted by proxy. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 160

01:29:52 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 160 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:30:48 Sen. Caferro

01:31:16 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 160 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(phs33a06\)](#)

Discussion:

01:35:06 Chair Howard
01:36:55 Sen. Caferro
01:37:01 Sen. C. Smith
01:37:14 Sen. Caferro

01:37:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

01:37:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 160 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 192

01:38:43 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 192 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:39:23 Sen. Gross

01:39:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 205

01:40:15 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 205 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:40:23 Sen. Olszewski

01:40:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

01:41:09 Chair Howard

01:41:18 Sen. Gross

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:41 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs33aad.pdf](#))